Utilisation of World Bank loan

1197. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 1200 crores loan from the World Bank would be utilized during the next five years in such a way that it yields the richest possible benefit to agriculture and make it prominently rewarding to farmers to insure fulfilment of the dream of Green Revolution-II and ensure that India attains 400 million tonnes of production of foodgrains;

(b) whether France has also assured India to help replicate its successful cooperative involvement in food processing sector;

(c) if so, the details of the utilization of the World Bank loan; and

(d) to what extent Government are confident of improving the agricultural production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched Rs. 1189.99 crore National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) for the period of 6 years to strengthen the Agriculture Research Programme with a view to increasing productivity and profitability in farming.

(b) CIRAD/INRA (France) have expressed interest in working with ICAR in various areas including food processing.

(c) There are 4 Components of the project with clear objectives and funds allocated (as per the need assessed now) accordingly.

Component 1 (Rs. 218.17 crore): To build the critical capacity of the ICAR as a catalyzing agent for the management of change in the Indian National Agricultural Research Centres (NARC).

Component 2 (Rs. 357.33 crore): Research on production to consumption systems in priority areas/themes to enhance productivity, nutrition profitability , income and employment.

Component 3 (Rs. 349.33 crore): Research on sustainable rural livelihood security in disadvantaged regions through innovation system led

by technology encompassing wider process of social and economic change covering all stakeholders.

Component 4 (Rs. 265.26 crore): Basic and Strategic research in the frontier areas of agricultural sciences.

(d) The project interventions will contribute to achieving 4% growth in agriculture targeted during the Eleventh Plan Period by providing validated pilot models.

Prices of milk at Mother Dairy

1198. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Mother Dairy has increased the prices of milk and other milk products during the last two years, alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the rise in prices of milk is due to export of skimmed milk;

(c) if so, the quantum of skimmed milk exported during the last two years, country-wise and the reasons for allowing export of skimmed milk; and

(d) the measures taken to bring down the prices of milk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Number of times Mother Dairy, Delhi increased the prices of milk and milk products during the last two years is given below:

Year	Tonned milk	Double Tonned milk	Full cream milk	Ghee	Table butter
2004-05	-	-	-	2	1
2005-06	1	1	1	1	-

The increase in the retail price of milk and milk products by Mother Dairy, Delhi was mainly due to increase in procurement price of milk and the milk commodities.

(b) Due to high price of milk in international market, there has been an increase in the export of skimmed milk powder resulting in increase in domestic prices of milk and milk products.